

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. An electronic printing system for printing images stored on a removable memory card, the electronic printing system comprising:

(a) a memory card interface for receiving the removable memory card, the removable memory card having stored thereon a plurality of digital image files and a print utilization file, the print utilization file including the names of at least two digital image files stored on the removable memory card to be printed;

(b) a processor coupled to the memory card interface for reading the print utilization file stored on the removable memory card and the digital image files identified in the print utilization file; and

(c) a print engine coupled to the processor for producing prints of the at least two stored digital image files identified in the print utilization file.

2. The electronic printing system as claimed in claim 1 further including an internal memory for storing at least a portion of one digital image file to be printed.

3. The electronic printing system as claimed in claim 1 wherein the print utilization file further includes the quantity of prints to be printed for each digital image file.

4. The electronic printing system as claimed in claim 1 wherein the print utilization file further includes the size of the prints to be printed for each digital image file.

5. The electronic printing system as claimed in claim 1 wherein the print utilization file further includes the file type of each digital image file.

6. The electronic printing system as claimed in claim 5 wherein the file type of at least one digital image file is a JPEG file type.

7. The electronic printing system as claimed in claim 1 wherein the print utilization file further includes a customer name and a mailing address of such customer.

8. The electronic printing system as claimed in claim 7 wherein the print utilization file further includes a credit card number of the customer.

9. The electronic printing system as claimed in claim 1 wherein the print utilization file further identifies a template to be combined with a particular digital image file to form a composite image to be printed.

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10. A method for printing images stored on a removable memory card, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a removable memory card having stored thereon a plurality of digital image files and a print utilization file, the print utilization file identifying at least two digital image files stored on the removable memory card to be printed;

(b) reading the print utilization file stored on the removable memory card and the digital image files identified in the print utilization file; and

(c) producing prints of the at least two stored digital image files identified in the print utilization file.

11. The method as claimed in claim 10 wherein the print utilization file further includes the quantity of prints to be printed for each digital image file.

12. The method as claimed in claim 10 wherein the print utilization file further includes the size of the prints to be printed for each digital image file.

13. The method as claimed in claim 10 wherein the print utilization file further includes the file type of each digital image file.

14. The method as claimed in claim 13 wherein the file type of at least one digital image file is a JPEG file type.

15. The method as claimed in claim 10 wherein the print utilization file further includes a customer name and a mailing address of such customer.

16. The method as claimed in claim 15 wherein the print utilization file further includes a credit card number of the customer.

17. The method as claimed in claim 10 wherein the print utilization file further identifies a template to be combined with a particular digital image file to form a composite image to be printed.